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3 June 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM: John J. Bird
National Intelligence Officer for Warning

SUBJECT: Approval of TDY to FMFLANT, 10 & 11 June 1985

1. Request approval for NIO/W to travel to FMFLANT, Norfolk, Virginia for meetings on 10 and 11 June 1985, for discussions on strategy with the Commanders of the Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic and Europe, the Second Fleet, and the Amphibious Forces Atlantic, and their planning staffs. This is the same trip discussed in general in my 31 May memo (NIC# 02806-85) to you. 25X1

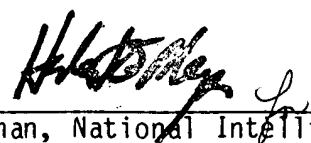
2. My participation has been solicited because of my performance with the Navy in 83-84 and because of my recent experience at the Chairman, JCS conference. At my request the discussions will also involve strategic warning. The entree provided by participation in the Chairman's conference is proving invaluable as an opening to discuss those warning issues that pertain to the various commands. 25X1

3. of my staff will present the NIO/W during this time period. 25X1
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4. The Department of the Navy will reimburse for my expenses on this trip. 25X1


John J. Bird

Attachment:
NIO/W Memo to C/NIC, 31 May 85
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SUBJECT: Invitation by XVIII Airborne Corps

1. In following up the invitation by the XVIII Airborne Corps to visit Ft. Bragg on 17-18 June 1985, it was discovered that General Lindsay, the Commander, has suddenly been called by the Department of the Army to be elsewhere at that time. Because the General expressed a specific interest in talking to me himself, it was suggested that the visit be postponed and a number of dates were discussed. Right now it looks like the first mutually acceptable date is likely to be in September.

2. Yesterday I was contacted by representatives of General Lindsay's Marine Corps counterpart command of Fleet Marine Forces Europe (FMFEUR), Fleet Marine Forces Atlantic (FMFLANT) and by representatives of the Commander Second Fleet (Adm. Metcalf's replacement) to be a principle participant in a seminar discussion in June on the application of their forces in Europe and the warning implications pertaining thereto. A more formal invitation is likely to come through the mail soon. I believe we should accept the invitation.

3. There are three major groupings of discretionary land forces in the US--the two above, the XVIII Airborne Corps and the FMFLANT/EUR forces, and the U.S. Army's Third Corps based at Ft. Hood, Texas. Perhaps as much as apprising the Commander's in Chief of the unified commands of strategic warning, its problems and its solutions, we owe these three land force commands good service. They are the forces that react to the Grenada's/Nicaragua's/Honduras' and Costa Rica's of the world as well as the Southwest Asian and World War III problems. It is their plans and preparations based on what they view as the time

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available--provided by warning--as well as the politically usable and active reserve forces. The importance of warning for both the time available for military preparations and for the timely education of the public, including Congress, seems obvious and a discussion of it with these commands should have a payoff.

5. With your approval, I will pursue the XVIII Airborne Corps invitation, of which you are already aware, sometime in September, the FMFLANT/EUR for June and a meeting with the Commander of the Third Corps in August or October.


John J. Bird

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Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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